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SUBJECT: REFUGEES IN UGANDA MUST LEAVE; UGANDANS TO OCCUPY CAMPS

1. AT SWEARING- IN CEREMONY FOR COL. MOSES ALI AS MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, PRESIDENT AMIN ANNOUNCED THAT ALL REFUGEES LIVING IN UGANDA WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE AND THAT THE CAMPS THEY NOW OCCUPY WOULD BE USED FOR UGANDANS. HE GAVE NO TIMETABLE FOR THE MOVE.

2. AMIN SAID UGANDANS WHO HAVE NO HOMES (SOME OF WHOM HAVE TURNED TO KONDOISM) AND BEGGARS WOULD BE ROUNDED UP AND PLACED IN THE CAMPS VACATED BY THE REFUGEES. THESE PEOPLE ARE LIVING MISERABLY AND MUST BE ASSISTED BY THE GOU. PRES. DECLARED THEY WOULD BE PLACED IN CAMPS AND THEN GIVEN TWO YEARS TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES WITHOUT PAYING TAXES. AT THE CAMPS THEY WOULD BE TRAINED TO BE PRODUCTIVE.

3. AMIN ALSO DECREED THAT EVERY REGION IN UGANDA SHOULD ESTABLISH A NURSERY SCHOOL FOR ABANDONED OR PARENTLESS

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CHILDREN. THE SCHOOLS WOULD EVOLVE INTO PRIMARY SCHOOLS
AND SUBSEQUENTLY UNIVERSITIES. HE GAVE SOMALIA AS AN EXAMPLE
WHERE SUCH CHILDREN ARE BEING TRAINED AND TURNED INTO USEFUL
CITIZENS. SOME OF THESE ORPHANS IN UGANDA ARE BEING ASSISTED
BY MISSIONARIES, AMIN SAID, BUT THE GOU WILL TAKE OVER THESE
OPERATIONS TO ASSIST THE CHILDREN. KEELEY
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